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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1637

PATENT
1377-0156P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: T.V. MCCARTHY et al. Conf.: 3757

Appl. No.: 09/673,739 Group: 1637

Filed: October 20, 2000 Examiner: J. TUNG

For: A METHOD FOR THE CHARACTERIZATION OF NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES INVOLVING GENERATION OF EXTENDIBLE UPSTREAM DNA FRAGMENTS RESULTING FROM THE CLEAVAGE OF NUCLEIC ACID AT AN ABASIC SITE

SMALL ENTITY TRANSMITTAL FORM
FOR REPLY AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 24, 2005

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
 The enclosed document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR			PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL	22	-	24	=	0	\$25	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT	1	-	3	=	0	\$100	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						\$180	\$0.00
						TOTAL	\$0.00

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- Petition for three (3) month(s) extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). \$510.00 for the extension of time.
- No fee is required.
- Check(s) in the amount of \$510.00 is(are) enclosed with the Notice of Appeal filed concurrently herewith.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. This form is submitted in triplicate.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant: MCCARTHY et al. Conf.: 3757
Appl. No.: 09/673,739 Group: 1637
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For: A METHOD FOR THE CHARACTERIZATION OF
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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February 24, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued on August 24, 2004,
the due date having been extended for three (3) months to February
24, 2005, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in
connection with the above-identified application.

The present response contains amendments to the claims and
remarks.